



State of Wisconsin  
**Department of Health and Family Services**

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Jim Doyle, Governor  
Helene Nelson, Secretary

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**Interested Parties:**

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) is seeking potential partners interested in implementing reform of health care and long-term support for frail elders, adults with developmental disabilities, and adults with physical disabilities funded by the State's Medical Assistance (MA) program. Reforms will benefit consumers by providing them with access to integrated care planning and management with an array of flexible, quality services that respond to their individual needs and preferences and better outcomes as defined by the consumer. Reforms will benefit taxpayers by making sure that systems of care are as cost-effective and accountable as possible.

DHFS has issued a Request for Information/Proposals (RFI/RFP) designed to identify potential partners and/or ideas to help the State plan and implement a more integrated and better managed system of long-term care on a statewide basis. We invite public and private organizations to inform the Department about their interests, capabilities and ideas for statewide long-term care in Wisconsin. DHFS is particularly interested in hearing from private organizations, public-private partnership groups, and multi-county consortia with the potential to implement regional care management models sometime during calendar years 2006-2009. DHFS will also welcome other ideas and proposals to help achieve the State's goals.

The Department will use the results of this Request for Information to:

- a) Develop strategies for better, faster implementation of statewide long-term care reforms.
- b) Identify ideas for added federal MA waiver requests or other state/federal policy changes to enable cost-effective, timely reforms.

The Department is also requesting proposals for planning/start-up grants to regional partnerships that are well positioned to prepare for implementation of new service delivery models in 2007-2009.

The Request for Information/Proposals can be found at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/lcure/rfi>

Responses are requested by December 31, 2005.

Sincerely,

Helene Nelson  
Secretary